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SUBJECT: US/ UK LOC UMBRELLA AGREEMENT

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1. CLEAN TEXT OF REVISED US/ UK LOC AGREEMENT NOW READS AS  
FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: SIR,

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I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BE PERMITTED TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR USE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS FOR THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF THE US ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN THE EUROPEAN COMMAND AREA IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT:

(1)(A) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UK WILL PERMIT THE ENTRY OF MEMBERS OF A US FORCE, ITS CIVILIAN COMPONENT AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (TOGETHER REFERRED TO IN THIS NOTE AS THE

'LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP') AND MATERIAL INTO THE UK AFTER THE DECLARATION OF SIMPLE ALERT BY THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, EUROPE, OR A SUCH EARLIER DATE AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING IN OPERATION US LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTE, 'FORCE' AND 'CIVILIAN COMPONENT' WILL HAVE THE MEANING ASCRIBED TO THEM IN ARTICLE I OF THE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE STATUS OF FORCES OF PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY, SIGNED IN LONDON ON 19 JUNE 1951, AND, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE OPERATION OF ARTICLE XV, THE PROVISIONS OF THAT AGREEMENT WILL GOVERN THE STATUS, RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS OF A US FORCE AND ITS CIVILIAN COMPONENT IN THE UK ASSIGNED TO THE OPERATION OF THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OR PASSING THROUGH THE UK.

(2) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL PERMIT THE IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE IN THE UK BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE US LINES OF COMMUNICATION REFERRED TO IN PARA (1).

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(3) UPON THE ACTIVATION OF THE US LINES OF COMMUNICATION, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES REFERRED TO IN PARA (1)(A), THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE DEPLOYED IN THE UK. THE MISSION OF THIS GROUP WILL BE TO ESTABLISH LOGISTIC ACTIVITIES, FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE, PROCESS, AND MOVE MEMBERS OF A US ARMED FORCE, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES TO AND FROM FORWARD AREAS. TO ACCOMPLISH

THIS MISSION, THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP MAY OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SUCH AIRPORTS, RIVER AND BEACH SITES, BARGE DISCHARGE SITES, TROOP ACCOMMODATION, STAGING AREAS, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRONIC FACILITIES, EMERGENCY HOSPITAL FACILITIES, STORAGE SITES AND OTHER FACILITIES, AS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE ON TERMS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON. THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP MAY ALSO USE FACILITIES AT UK WATER PORTS ON TERMS TO BE AGREED WITH THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED WHO WILL CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER THE PORTS IN QUESTION. THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP WILL MOVE SUCH MEMBERS OF A US ARMED FORCE AND MATERIAL ON TERMS AS MAY BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS ROUTES AND SUITABLE MODES AVAILABLE UTILIZING RAIL TRANSPORT, MOTOR VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, PIPELINES, AND INLAND WATERWAYS. ROAD TRANSPORT, HARBOR CRAFT, AND AIRLIFT UNITS OF A US ARMED FORCE MAY BE EMPLOYED. IF FACILITIES NEED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED FROM UK RESOURCES OF TRANSPORTATION, LABOR, OR OTHER LOGISTIC FACILITIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UK WILL ENSURE THAT REQUESTS FOR THEM WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT THE UK WILL HAVE PRIORITY IN USING NATIONAL MOVEMENT RESOURCES WITHIN THE UK AND TO THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

(4) THE ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS UNDERSTANDING WILL BE PLANNED JOINTLY BY BOTH PARTIES. A JOINT PLANNING GROUP WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THE PLANNING WITH DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH GOVERNMENT AND WITH CO-CHAIRMEN. ALL REQUIREMENTS FORESEEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE US LINES OF COMMUNICATION WILL BE PRESENTED THROUGH THE JOINT PLANNING GROUP.

(5) UPON CONSENT OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS THE JOINT PLANNING GROUP MAY INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY TO PARTICIPATE IN APPROPRIATE

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MEETINGS OR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING LINES OF COMMUNICATION PLANNING.

(6) IN THE EVENT OF A DISAGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERPRETATION OR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS WILL IMMEDIATELY CONSULT WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

(7) ALL MOVABLE FACILITIES ERECTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US AT ITS SOLE EXPENSE AND ALL EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES IMPORTED INTO OR PURCHASED IN THE UK BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE LINES

OF COMMUNICATION UNDER THE PRESENT UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES BEING STORED OR MOVED TO OR FROM FORWARD AREAS WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE US MAY AT ANY TIME BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS RECORDED IN THE PRESENT NOTE, OR WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE DATE OF SUCH TERMINATION, REMOVE SUCH FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES.

(8) SURPLUS LAND AND EXISTING BUILDINGS BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UK WHICH ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY MEMBERS OF A US ARMED FORCE UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS UNDERSTANDING WILL BE PROVIDED RENT FREE. ALL OTHER COSTS AND EXPENSES ARISING UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U. S.

(9) THE ARRANGEMENTS RECORDED IN THIS NOTE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AS LONG AS BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. IN THE EVENT OF ONE OR BOTH GOVERNMENTS CEASING TO BE PARTIES THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL NEVERTHELESS REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL TERMINATED BY EITHER GOVERNMENT GIVING TWELVE MONTHS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE OTHER. SUCH NOTICE MAY BE GIVEN BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED CEASES TO BE A PARTY TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY TO EXPIRE ON OR AFTER THE DATE IT CEASES TO BE A PARTY.

IF THE FOREGOING EQUALLY REPRESENTS THE UNDERSTANDING  
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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UK OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR REPLY TO THAT EFFECT WILL RECORD THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THIS MATTER AND THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS RECORDED THEREIN WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON THE DATE OF YOUR REPLY. ACCEPT, SIR, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.  
UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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